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FASCIST LITHUANIANS SPREAD NAZI PROPAGANDA IN U. S.

Acting on instructions from Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry, fascist Lithuanians in the United States are conducting a vigorous propaganda campaign aimed at promoting pro-Hitler sentiment and hampering further aid to the Allies. Particular emphasis is being placed on arousing anti-Soviet sentiment in all possible quarters.

The Propaganda Ministry in Berlin has appointed Dr. Pranas Ancevicius, pro-Nazi Lithuanian journalist, to supervise this drive from his Kaunas headquarters. A speciality with this Lithuanian Quisling is placing Nazi material in the U. S. press. His cables, praising Hitler's "liberation of Lithuania," are being featured in two Chicago Lithuanian-language dailies, Nauijenos and Draugas, and in other papers in various parts of the country.

"Refugees" Assist

A Lithuanian organization in Berlin known as the Lietuviu Pilieciu Sajunga (Lithuanian Citizens League) is assisting in the propaganda campaign. (Rev. Prunskis, present editor of the Chicago daily, Draugas, was until recently a secretary of this Berlin League.) One of the chief functions of the Nazi-directed organization is to arrange for Lithuanian "refugees" to visit the United States, where they describe to the American press the "chaos in Lithuania under bolshevik rule" and the "order that the Germans have brought." These propaganda agents emphasize tales of Soviet "atrocities" and the "Russian reign of terror and persecution of religion." In addressing the English-language press, these agents ordinarily are fairly cautious in their Nazi propaganda statements; but in their interviews with the Lithuanian-language press, they are violently anti-Semitic.

The following excerpt from a recent article in Vienybe, a Lithuanian weekly published in Brooklyn, N. Y., is illustrative of the Nazi-inspired, anti-Semitic propaganda appearing in the Lithuanian press in this country:

"When the Lithuanian workers, farmers, students, soldiers, and all other Lithuanian inhabitants, shoulder to shoulder, defended Lithuania [against the Soviet Union], then the Lithuanian capitalists, Jews, began to shoot at the defenders



of Lithuania. Only the Jews, for whom Lithuania was the best mother, were traitors. The Jews not only have not shown their gratitude to Lithuania, but worked hard and energetically for the good of Russia."

It is with typical Nazi contempt for the intelligence of people that the editors of Vienybe present a picture of the "Lithuanian capitalists" struggling to aid in the establishment of a Soviet regime.

The Brooklyn Tablet, Coughlinite newspaper, has readily assisted in the Nazi-Lithuanian propaganda campaign and has published material, describing the current "religious rejuvenation" in the Baltic country, by Constantine R. Jurgela, a newspaperman working with the Germans in Kaunas.

Pro-Fascist League

An organization called the Lithuanian-American Nationalist League is cooperating with the present Quisling regime in Lithuania and is seeking to build a pro-Nazi Fifth Column among Lithuanian-Americans, the vast majority of whom are pro-democratic and anti-Nazi. When the Germans overran Lithuania, the Lithuanian-American Nationalist League sent a greeting to the puppet government established by the Nazis which declared,

"Now, after fierce fighting, the Lithuanian people freed themselves from the communistic hell ... We greet the defenders of the Lithuanian state and the temporary government and express our joy for Lithuanian's freeing itself and returning to the family of civilized nations of the world."

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PRO-NAZI UKRAINIAN PAPERS BARRED FROM CANADA

The Hour has frequently pointed out that among the most active Third Reich propagandists in the United States are Ukrainian fascists, operating chiefly through the ODWU and the Hetman, twin Nazi-Ukrainian bands. These Fifth Columnists not only import quantities of pro-Hitler propaganda from abroad for distribution in this hemisphere; they also print large amounts of subversive anti-democratic material here in the United States.

We are informed that the Canadian Government is banning from its mails a number of the pro-Nazi Ukrainian-language publications being currently issued in the United States. Included in the list of publications to be banned from the Dominion are Batkiwszina (Fatherland), a weekly newspaper published at 6600 McGraw Avenue, Detroit, Michigan; Nash Styah (Our Banner); a weekly newspaper published at 845 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; and Magyar Egyhaz (Magyar Church), a magazine published at 611 Sinclair Street, McKeesport, Pa.

Since the Canadian Government sees fit to ban these publications as organs of Nazi propaganda, U.S. authorities should investigate the publications in question to ascertain whether or not their editors are registered as agents of a foreign government.

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AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE ISSUES "NON-POLITICAL"
INSTRUCTIONS ON VOTING

The America First Committee is sending to its various branch chapters a confidential memorandum on "The Coming Elections." The memorandum advises that Committee members must maintain the fiction that the organization is a non-political body:

"Any position taken by the America First Committee in partisan politics would only weaken our cause, not strengthen it. ... While no citizen can fail to be interested in the mayoralty elections going on in New York at the present time, we must be sure that no support of any candidate be interpreted as America First activity."

The following instructions remove the mask from the "non-political" work of the Committee, aimed at strengthening the appeasement forces;

"In the important elections of this autumn and next year, every America First member should take pains to inform himself of the various candidates' position on foreign policy and be prepared as an enrolled voter to cast his vote for those non-interventionist candidates who are in other respects qualified for the offices they seek."

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ANSWERING LINDBERGH

The Council Against Intolerance in America is currently distributing a pamphlet entitled America Answers Lindbergh! The foreword to this publication, which has been issued in answer to Lindbergh's speech at Des Moines, states in part;

"The Council Against Intolerance in America, realizing that these anti-Semitic statements [of Lindbergh] are not only false, but constitute a grave threat to national unity and defense, has prepared this booklet comprising statements from leading Americans throughout the country. ... The Council publishes them in the belief that they will strengthen the American tradition of mutual tolerance as the cornerstone of our national unity and freedom."

Charles A. Beard, Fiorella LaGuardia, Monsignor John A. Ryan, Raymond Gram Swing, Dorothy Thompson and Wendell Willkie are among the many prominent citizens whose statements appear in the booklet.

The Hour is notified that copies of America Answers Lindbergh! may be obtained from the offices of the Council Against Intolerance in America, Lincoln Building, New York City.

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TAMMANY CANDIDATE

On September 29 the New York World Telegram carried an article headlined "Rao for Court Post Pleases O'Dwyer Men," which opened with this statement: "Friends of William O'Dwyer, Democratic candidate for Mayor, today were praising Tammany Hall's nomination of Paul P. Rao for Supreme Court Justice as a wise move which should prove helpful to the ticket."

On June 14, in an article on Generoso Pope, The Hour pointed out that the wealthy pro-fascist New York contractor numbered Paul P. Rao among his closest friends. Rao, whose niece is married to Pope's son, was formerly Vice-President of the Rao Construction Company; and his association with Pope is said to have included certain business dealings.

In our article on Pope we mentioned that Rao had just written a letter to the notorious Jew-baiter Domenico Trombetta, a letter which subsequently appeared in the fascist Il Grido della Stirpe, stating that "all Americans of Italian origin" should "follow the leadership of Mr. Generoso Pope."

We also revealed that Paul P. Rao's law firm -- Rao, Liggio and Cannella -- drew up the original incorporation papers for the A. V. Publishing Co., which is the corporate title of the Deutsche-Weckruf und Beobachter, official organ of the German-American Bund. The directors of the A. V. Publishing Co. were Fritz Kuhn, James Wheeler-Hill and William Luedtke.

CORRECTION

On September 27 The Hour carried an article reporting that William J. Grace, columnist of the Brooklyn Tablet, had written an article for Roll-Call, fascist magazine published by William Dudley Pelley. We have since learned that the William J. Grace who authored the article in Roll-Call is not the William J. Grace who writes for the Tablet. We regret the error and apologize to Mr. Grace and his co-author John J. O'Connor for any embarrassment they may have been occasioned by our mistake.